

30 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR FLEET ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY

In conformity with your request of 29 April 1947,
there are attached two suggested draft letters for the
signature of the President.

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R. H. Hillenkoetter

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to Capt. Deanthan
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My dear General Vandenberg:

The Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army has requested your return to assume important and necessary duties with the Army Air Forces. I regret losing you as the Director of Central Intelligence, but the reasons presented me are so cogent that I have acceded to his request. Your task has been exceptionally well performed, and all my good wishes go with you to your new post.

I have directed Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter to relieve you as of May 1, 1947.

Very sincerely yours,

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I have acceded to a request of the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army for the return of Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg who has served as the Director of the Central Intelligence Group since June 10, 1946.

It is my wish that you serve as Director of Central Intelligence, and I herewith appoint you to this position. You will assume your new duties on May 1, 1947.

Very sincerely yours,

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Central Intelligence Group
Washington 25, D. C.

I have searched our files and have had a check made of the Executive Registry log and Central Records file and the only document pertaining to the "turn over of duties of DCI" is the copy of letter signed by the President to you, dated 30 April 1957 — exactly as draft attached.

Copy of the signed ltr was forwarded to Central Records file and 2 copies were sent to BuPers for inclusion in your official jacket. There is a copy in your "personnel file" together with copies of the Presidential nomination and the Oath of Office.